

TOWN OF DAVIE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Resolution and Creation of a Board of Directors – Davie Land Trust

AFFECTED DISTRICT: All Districts

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A \$2,500 GRANT FROM THE KODAK AMERICAN GREENWAYS AWARDS TO ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DAVIE LAND TRUST, AND IF AWARDED THE GRANT, AUTHORIZING ITS ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION.

REPORT IN BRIEF: The Kodak American Greenways Awards is a partnership project of the Eastman Kodak Company, The Conservation Fund, and the National Geographic Society. It provides small grants to nonprofits and public agencies to stimulate the planning and design of greenways, or corridors of protected public and private land. The Planning and Zoning Department will apply for a \$2,500 grant to establish the Davie Land Trust as directed by the Davie Town Council at its January 15, 2003 meeting. If received, the grant funds would be used to develop and file the appropriate State of Florida and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) forms to establish the land trust as a 501(C)(3) tax-exempt organization.

In addition, at this time staff is pursuing the creation of a Board of Directors for the Davie Land Trust. The Board would be comprised of six to nine members including a chair and vice chair. The role of the Board would be to create a statement of purpose, establish a structure for the organization, conduct outreach to build community support for the program, identify and evaluate potential projects, provide management oversight and assist with the procurement of resources.

Staff suggests that the Board of Directors include a diverse group of individuals representing various interests and organizations vital to the Town's future. Examples include:

- Farm Bureau – Fred Siegel
- Florida Nursery and Growers Assn. (FNGB)
- Agricultural Advisory Board – Julie Aiken
- Economic Development Council
- Open Space Advisory Board
- Budget Advisory Board
- Conservation Groups /Environmental Organizations (Audubon, Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, etc.
- Davie/Cooper City Chamber of Commerce
- Nova Southeastern University

By adopting this resolution at this time, the Town of Davie is taking the necessary steps to move forward on this critically important initiative.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: Direction from Council at January 15, 2003 meeting to pursue the establishment of the Davie Land Trust.

CONCURRENCES: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Has request been budgeted? No

If yes, expected cost: N/A

Account Name: N/A/

If no, amount needed: N/A

What account will funds be appropriated from: N/A

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve the resolution

Attachment(s): Resolution

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A \$2,500 GRANT FROM THE KODAK AMERICAN GREENWAYS AWARDS TO ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DAVIE LAND TRUST, AND IF AWARDED THE GRANT, AUTHORIZING ITS ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION.

WHEREAS, in 2001 the citizens of the Town of Davie voted that it should be the policy of the Town of Davie to conserve and protect its natural resources, scenic beauty, rural character and equestrian lifestyle and that the Town shall adopt appropriate legislation to ensure the preservation of these areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 the Davie Town Council passed Resolution R-2002-249 to designate the Town of Davie as a “conservation community”; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Davie Town Council amended the Town of Davie code to add regulations to preserve the rural lifestyle characteristics of the Town and to provide for the creation of scenic corridors; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the Davie Town Council directed staff to pursue the establishment of the Davie Land Trust to assist in the preservation of Davie’s rural and equestrian lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the Kodak American Greenways Awards provides small grants to nonprofit organizations and public agencies to develop new, action-oriented greenway projects, including the establishment of land trusts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The Town Council does hereby authorize the Mayor, Town Administrator, and/or appropriate staff to submit an application for grant funding to the Kodak American Greenway Awards, and to accept and implement the grant if awarded.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2003.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2003.